

NEW SOUTH WALES.

---

MONTHLY SUMMARY  
OF  
BUSINESS STATISTICS

No. 137, September 30, 1942.

---

Issued by S. R. Carver, Government Statistician.

---

SYDNEY:  
ALFRED HENRY PETTIFER, ACTING GOVERNMENT PRINTER.  
1942.

[Price 3d.]

## SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

## 1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1941.													
July ...	24	39	74	46	47	28	45	84	67	37	60	16	40
August ...	30	38	48	18	37	35	39	43	41	19	59	89	38
September ...	22	59	89	37	56	34	56	46	47	15	19	121	30
October ...	95	71	66	54	75	119	73	67	75	24	113	77	53
November ...	98	69	62	99	78	75	68	62	65	102	65	67	88
December ...	13	35	45	54	34	12	36	43	38	30	23	39	30
1942.													
January...	42	36	28	27	34	29	29	32	31	32	18	11	26
February ...	157	127	150	165	147	143	137	169	158	233	111	69	180
March ...	84	79	74	42	74	96	75	63	70	51	207	183	108
April ...	5	9	47	68	27	1	10	57	37	57	22	30	45
May ...	90	231	255	202	196	102	223	271	237	34	21	48	32
June ...	83	144	127	115	118	89	149	128	128	69	94	54	73
July ...	251	142	72	133	149	295	130	68	113	72	148	32	86
August ...	30	69	120	41	72	36	79	130	105	32	37	14	31

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

## 2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40, 536,907,000 lb. in 1940-41, and 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42.

Under agreement with the British Government the wool clips of Australia are being disposed of by appraisement for the duration of the war and one year thereafter. The agreed average price for seasons 1939-40 to 1941-42 was 10·75d. sterling or 13·4375d. Australian Currency, per lb. This price has been increased to 12·3625d. sterling or 15·4531d. Australian Currency per lb., commencing with the 1942-43 clip.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
July ...	53,933	86,083	80,397	67,442	53,933	86,083	80,397	67,442
August ...	159,420	217,280	191,662	195,702	213,353	303,363	272,059	263,144
September ...	357,205	276,849	269,889	.....	570,558	580,212	541,948	.....
October ...	332,084	290,271	288,766	.....	902,642	870,483	830,714	.....
November...	189,868	168,109	166,462	.....	1,092,510	1,038,592	997,176	.....
December ...	64,573	46,775	63,866	.....	1,157,083	1,085,367	1,061,042	.....
January ...	23,617	17,462	24,821	.....	1,180,700	1,102,829	1,085,863	.....
February ...	24,229	28,676	31,461	.....	1,204,929	1,131,505	1,117,324	.....
March ...	29,138	34,609	29,000	.....	1,234,067	1,166,114	1,146,324	.....
April ...	35,716	37,414	43,583	.....	1,269,783	1,203,528	1,189,907	.....
May ...	31,711	38,423	36,173	.....	1,301,494	1,241,951	1,226,080	.....
June ...	44,240	29,758	37,597	.....	1,345,734	1,271,709	1,263,677	.....

## 3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compile 1 from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average 1932-33	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1941-42 ... ..	4,665,000	4,303,000	55,308,000	12·9
1938-39 ... ..	5,246,000	4,651,000	59,898,000	12·9
1939-40 ... ..	4,681,000	4,381,000	76,552,000	17·5
1940-41 ... ..	4,866,000	4,454,000	23,933,000	5·4
1941-42 ... ..	4,342,000	3,960,000	48,500,000	12·2

## 4. BUTTER.

The production of butter in factories in the seven months ended July, 1942, was 20 per cent. less than in the corresponding period last season.

The exportable unsold surplus of Australian butter in 1939-40 and 1940-41 and up to 57,000 tons (choicest and first grade only) in 1941-42 was purchased by the British Government; the agreed price for choicest is 137s. per cwt. f.o.b., Australian ports. The price for local consumption which was fixed at 158s. 8d. per cwt. (wholesale) on June 8, 1938, was increased on 6th March, 1942, to 166s. 10d.

Month.	Output of Butter—(New South Wales factories).				
	Average, 1934 to 1936.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
Thousand lb.					
Year ended 30th June ...	134,163	113,841	112,020	103,683	85,116
Seven months ended July	76,542	69,333	59,350	64,195	51,152
January ... ..	16,731	9,708	12,629	14,453	6,664
February ... ..	14,442	10,826	10,602	12,786	8,311
March ... ..	14,677	12,137	9,562	11,743	10,116
April ... ..	11,508	11,880	9,165	8,682	8,642
May ... ..	8,244	10,456	7,286	6,756	6,789
June ... ..	5,856	7,741	5,059	5,183	5,467
July ... ..	5,084	6,585	5,047	4,592	5,163

## 5. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Tabulations embracing monthly returns from 42 large factories show the following results which afford some indication of trends in the manufacturing industry:—

Month.	Factory Sales.				Employees.				Weekly Salaries and Wages.			
	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
Thousand £.												
January ...	2,738	3,212	3,465	4,519	231	235	257	282	950	1,004	1,124	1,459
February ...	3,070	3,468	4,074	4,768	232	239	267	282	964	1,015	1,218	1,484
March ...	3,406	3,562	4,196	5,097	229	239	272	280	961	1,024	1,246	1,477
April ...	2,791	3,581	4,011	4,904	230	232	272	278	939	973	1,194	1,513
May ...	3,242	3,498	4,300	4,925	230	231	276	278	954	964	1,302	1,517
June ...	3,013	3,083	4,017	5,077	228	236	280	277	927	1,033	1,292	1,564
July ...	2,961	3,512	4,638	5,410	228	241	284	277	950	1,072	1,353	1,531
August ...	3,386	3,520	4,264	...	230	243	283	...	954	1,069	1,380	...
September ...	3,669	3,634	4,746	...	231	248	269	...	974	1,088	1,365	...
October ...	3,421	3,969	4,994	...	236	252	285	...	992	1,114	1,428	...
November ...	3,841	3,911	4,729	...	239	257	289	...	1,018	1,145	1,467	...
December ...	3,606	4,147	5,398	...	240	258	288	...	1,045	1,177	1,555	...
Average (January-December)	3,262	3,591	4,403	...	232	243	277	...	969	1,056	1,327	...

Further particulars of employment in factories are shown in Table 20.

# NEW SOUTH WALES.

## 6. BUILDING INDUSTRY.

### (a) SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Year.	Month of August.				June Quarter.		
	Sydney and Suburbs.	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.		Industrial and Rural Towns.	Total, New South Wales.*	
	Total New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings.		New Buildings.		New Buildings and Additions.
			No. of Permits.	Value.	No. of Permits.	Value.	
1939 ...	£ 1,209,089	£ 127,685	776	£ 978,309	1,168	£ 919,811	£ 4,647,052
1940 ...	956,109	124,436	610	691,322	923	793,644	4,298,694
1941 ...	974,308	9,702	784	877,890	877	737,268	4,521,581
1942 ...	107,318	7,568	20	37,740	265	204,480	603,941

\* Including seven Shires adjoining Metropolitan Area. With few exceptions Shires do not supply returns.

### (b) CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

The following dissection of private building permits granted in Sydney and Suburbs and in 129 Industrial and Rural Towns in N.S.W. shows the total value for each of the principal classes of building :—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.						
	Houses.		Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b) and Public Garages.	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.					
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Month of August—</b>	<i>Sydney and Suburbs.</i>						
1940	458	72	183	106	21	116	956
1941	509	133	204	88	14	26	974
1942	3	3	...	88	...	13	107
<b>Eight Months ended 31st August—</b>							
1940	3,155	662	1,425	609	252	1,204	7,307
1941	4,036	655	1,729	768	173	444	7,805
1942	151	61	21	495	15	138	881
<b>June Quarter—</b>	<i>129 Industrial and Rural Towns.</i>						
1941	202	293	36	100	54	175	960
1942	55	124	4	12	9	61	265
<b>Year ended 30th June—</b>							
1940	729	1,735	93	142	333	874	3,906
1941	645	1,429	96	267	203	839	3,479
1942	510	1,195	55	148	85	393	2,386

Includes (a) conversions to flats ; (b) shops with dwellings attached.

### (c) GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

In addition to totals for private building shown above, values of contracts accepted for the erection of buildings on behalf of Governments and semi-Governmental authorities in New South Wales, excluding buildings authorised or constructed by the Allied Works Council, were as follow :—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).			
	Month of August.		Eight Months ended 31st August.	
	1941.*	1942.	1941.*	1942.
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Sydney and Suburbs ... ..	140	165	1,196	734
Remainder of State ... ..	237	193	1,581	2,219
<b>Total, New South Wales</b> ... ..	<b>377</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>2,777</b>	<b>2,953</b>

\* Revised.

NOTE—Temporary structures for protection against Air Raids and alterations for this purpose are, in general, excluded.



## SECTION B.—TRADE.

## 7. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.  
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
Million £.							
Year ended 31st December ...	161·87	191·83	192·97	200·29	202·79	229·03	...
January ...	11·27	13·74	14·21	13·24	16·33	15·83	18·69
February ...	12·72	14·64	15·73	16·54	14·64	17·48	19·39
March ...	13·11	15·43	15·79	15·78	16·97	17·40	19·53
April ...	13·45	16·45	16·83	15·79	17·88	19·06	19·19
May ...	13·44	16·50	16·87	17·46	14·85	18·75	20·72
June ...	13·21	14·98	14·98	14·88	17·07	21·76	18·93
July ...	14·17	16·55	16·23	15·28	16·74	17·63	19·17
August ...	13·13	16·27	15·28	16·81	17·17	20·41	...
September ...	13·77	16·28	17·45	19·44	17·48	21·60	...
October ...	15·10	16·47	15·66	19·22	18·50	18·25	...
November ...	14·52	17·35	16·93	17·53	18·13	20·58	...
December ...	13·98	17·17	17·00	18·32	17·03	20·28	...

## 8. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year ended December—								
1936 ... ..	303	304	+ 6·2	+ 4·7	+ 6·4	+ 4·9		
1937 ... ..	304	303	+ 7·7	+ 4·8	+ 10·5	+ 3·7		
1938 ... ..	303	303	+ 4·8	+ 5·2	+ 11·6	+ 5·0		
1939 ... ..	303	303	+ 2·4	+ 2·0	+ 2·6	+ 0·9		
1940 ... ..	303	305	+ 6·3	+ 17·0	+ 4·0	+ 1·9		
1941 ... ..	305	304	+ 14·6	+ 8·0	+ 9·0	+ 4·0		
1941								
July ... ..	27	27	+ 10·5	+ 11·1	+ 11·4	+ 4·2	+ 23·3	+ 10·1
August ... ..	27*	26*	+ 16·3	+ 9·5	+ 9·2	+ 2·9	+ 20·8	+ 10·6
September ... ..	25	26	+ 20·5	+ 10·5	+ 12·2	+ 5·2	+ 15·4	+ 10·9
October ... ..	26	26*	+ 18·1	+ 13·9	+ 12·6	+ 6·9	+ 18·3	+ 11·3
November ... ..	26*	25	+ 7·4	+ 16·2	+ 8·8	+ 5·7	+ 15·0	+ 11·1
December... ..	24	25	+ 4·8	+ 21·5	+ 11·2	+ 3·7	+ 9·4	+ 10·8
1942								
January ... ..	25	25	+ 5·5	+ 21·1	+ 8·3	+ 4·6	+ 5·8	+ 9·5
February ... ..	24	24	+ 3·4	+ 19·2	+ 4·3	+ 0·7	+ 4·6	+ 8·1
March ... ..	26	26	+ 25·9	+ 11·5	+ 4·6	+ 0·6	+ 11·5	+ 5·7
April ... ..	23	23	+ 25·6	+ 8·7	+ 7·8	+ 0·1	+ 18·3	+ 5·0
May ... ..	27	26	— 8·7	+ 11·5	— 0·3	— 3·4	+ 11·7	+ 4·0
June ... ..	24	25	— 19·1	+ 10·5	— 1·7	— 10·9	— 2·4	+ 1·9
July ... ..	27	27	— 15·6	+ 14·7	— 11·8	— 15·1	— 14·3	— 4·9

\* Includes five late shopping nights.

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 20.

## SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

## 9. RAILWAYS.

## NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of July.			Year ended 30th June.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1940 ...	2,010,782	1,203,000	807,782	19,954,851	14,646,934	5,307,917
1941 ...	2,047,502	1,424,622	622,880	23,215,610	17,161,924	6,053,686
1942 ...	2,725,648	1,617,442	1,108,206	27,686,332	21,712,560	5,973,772

\* Interest and Exchange on loan capital are not included as working expenses.

The amount of interest chargeable against the railways in 1940-41 was £5,389,460, exclusive of £1,228,275 sinking fund, exchange, etc.

	Month of July.		Year ended 30th June.	
	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1940 ...	1,801	15,518	14,620	179,066
1941 ...	1,460	16,771	18,032	194,146
1942 ...	1,659*	18,253	18,651*	218,846

\* Partly estimated.

## 10. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

## SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
Month of July—	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
1940 ...	345,674	51,554	29,503	25,574	5,414	2,114
1941 ...	396,301	59,927	35,645	31,695	7,207	2,442
1942 ...	412,399	40,877	36,551	40,908	8,942	3,171
Year ended 30th June—	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
1940 ...	4,167,636	651,426	349,812	300,273	48,650	24,683
1941 ...	4,451,475	788,591	379,499	338,611	69,551	27,390
1942 ...	4,986,880	687,970	441,983	442,532	95,218	34,655

\* Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (amounting in 1941-42 to £605,000) are not included as working expenses.

† Excludes Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

## 11. MOTOR VEHICLES.

## NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939. 31st August.	1940.		1941.		1942.		
		31st August.	31st December.	31st August.	31st December.	30th June.	31st July.	31st August.
Cars ... ..	216,633	205,196	207,446	193,769	188,561	169,916	169,993	170,254
Lorries and Vans ...	77,639	74,577	75,644	74,959	75,509	71,248	70,819	70,793
Trailers ... ..	6,538	7,040	7,542	7,808	7,658	6,965	6,952	6,930
Tractors† ... ..	1,102	1,168	1,222	1,282	1,344	1,366	1,366	1,364
Cycles—Solo ... ..	17,111	14,995	15,143	14,006	13,381	10,538	10,347	10,299
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	6,132	6,132	5,784	5,565	4,785	4,814	4,795
Omnibuses ... ..	794	840	870	867	881	890	889	891
Taxi-cabs ... ..	1,331	1,356	1,357	1,359	1,359	1,352	1,351	1,352
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	1,034	1,007	916	901	708	712	712
Total ... ..	329,219	312,338	316,363	300,730	295,159	267,768	267,243	267,390

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

## Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.\*

Year.	Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries and Vans.					
	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
1939 ... ..	435	393	417	376	305	322	131	130	151	141	133	145
1940 ... ..	268	243	176	115	63	88	106	114	103	70	60	53
1941 ... ..	167	121	89	40	20	21	71	47	46	40	42	43
1942 ... ..	13	16	17	26	13	17	19	16	10	4	8	4

\* Excluding trailers.

## 12. WIRELESS LICENSES.

## BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.			1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
			No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January ... ..	...	...	389,055	423,649	444,522	485,854	503,346
February ... ..	...	...	391,198	427,211	446,927	488,362	500,449
March ... ..	...	...	395,503	427,064	447,310	491,816	502,810
April ... ..	...	...	397,911	428,848	451,218	494,004	503,494
May ... ..	...	...	400,652	431,149	455,162	495,238	500,565
June ... ..	...	...	403,978	433,029	458,155	494,884	500,451
July ... ..	...	...	405,244	433,972	474,228	494,904	504,459
August ... ..	...	...	414,747	431,029	475,761	498,073	504,259

## SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

## 13. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

As at June 30th.	Amount of Deposits. †	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.		
			1940.	1941.	1942.
	£		£	£	£
1930 ... ..	82,465,430	January ...	86,715,917*	85,571,744*	92,972,902*
1931 ... ..	69,810,769	February ...	87,167,025*	86,134,543*	90,647,010*
1932 ... ..	71,647,869	March ... ..	86,758,977	86,737,258	89,458,641*
1933 ... ..	72,307,685	April ... ..	87,055,576*	86,982,416*	91,110,603*
1934 ... ..	75,714,070	May ... ..	85,179,395*	86,096,065*	92,925,282*
1935 ... ..	77,906,402	June† ... ..	82,110,900	87,750,208	94,537,937
1936 ... ..	79,999,948	July ... ..	82,134,989*	88,522,314*	97,330,938*
1937 ... ..	81,952,399	August ... ..	83,073,876*	89,717,346*	99,727,345*
1938 ... ..	86,015,685	September ...	83,287,434	90,734,775	.....
1939 ... ..	87,473,789	October ... ..	84,568,163*	91,313,614*	.....
1940 ... ..	82,110,900	November ...	85,109,821*	91,499,345*	.....
1941 ... ..	87,750,208	December ...	84,884,131	91,657,997*	.....

\* Approximate.

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled £9,146,018 as at 31st May, 1942, including £23,600 net receipts in May.

## 14. TRADING BANKS\*—DEPOSITS, ETC., IN AUSTRALIA.

June Quarter.	Deposits.	Cash in Aust.†	Treasury Bills.	Govt. and Municipal Securities.	Advances.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1939 ... ..	323,964	30,455	25,041	22,257	290,776
1940 ... ..	353,124	38,986	41,760	41,857	286,784
1941 ... ..	367,702	36,365	41,103	61,251	283,054
1942 ... ..	389,112	75,379‡	39,559	56,278	269,944

\* Nine Private Banks.

† Exclusive of London Funds.

‡ Includes Special War-time Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.

## 15. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government deposits and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

June Quarter.	Deposits.			Advances.	Excess of Deposits over Advances.
	Bearing Interest (Fixed).	Not Bearing Interest (Current).	Total.		
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1939 ... ..	64,668	51,381	116,049	122,219	(—) 6,170
1940 ... ..	66,276	60,392	126,668	117,910	8,757
1941 ... ..	65,814	69,855	135,669	113,890	21,780
1942 ... ..	61,784	81,308	143,092	107,896	35,196

(—) Denotes an excess of Advances over Deposits.

## 16. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.4	76.7	67.5	66.5	82.7	90.3	92.0	89	101	97	98	110	117	123
February ...	69.2	77.4	75.6	75.5	88.9	82.0	97.1	86	101	96	96	110	114	123
March ...	69.9	77.2	82.6	80.5	87.8	89.4	102.6	85	98	95	93	107	110	119
April ...	63.5	80.6	75.7	70.7	84.3	86.9	95.4	87	103	102	98	111	111	125
May ...	68.4	76.1	82.9	82.0	90.2	106.3	98.9	86	100	103	100	111	117	125
June ...	69.5	79.2	86.8	80.3	94.5	97.4	116.6	87	103	106	101	115	123	133
July ...	65.1	75.0	70.5	71.2	94.6	98.9	99.7	85	97	101	98	116	125	130
August ...	61.9	70.0	72.9	74.9	83.6	87.0	99.0	86	98	101	99	118	123	135
September ...	68.1	79.8	77.6	74.9	84.5	94.9	...	87	101	99	99	117	124	...
October ...	76.6	80.1	79.5	78.0	90.1	101.8	...	91	101	101	100	113	123	...
November ...	79.7	81.3	82.7	86.1	93.5	99.6	...	96	103	102	102	114	124	...
December ...	84.3	83.9	88.1	91.7	100.1	104.9	...	99	101	102	106	115	124	...
Year ...	842.6	937.3	942.4	932.3	1074.8	1139.4	...	89	101	101	100	113	120	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

## 17. INTEREST RATES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered.		Commonwealth Government Loans.† Interest Yield (including Redemption).					
	Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		(a) Calculated on latest Date of Maturity in all cases.			(b) Calculated on earliest Date of Maturity when Bonds are above par.		
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Over 5 to 10 years.	Over 10 to 15 years.	Over 15 years.	Over 5 years (Overall Rate).	Over 5 to 10 years.	Over 10 years.
	Per cent.	per annum.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
August–December, 1933	5·8	5·4	3 11 1	3 12 6	3 14 5	3 13 0	3 10 0	3 13 2
Average for year—								
1935 ... ..	5·2	4·8	3 9 7	3 10 1	3 13 9	3 11 1	3 10 2	3 11 10
1936 ... ..	5·2	4·9	3 16 10	3 17 6	3 18 9	3 17 8	3 16 7	3 17 10
1937 ... ..	5·3	5·0	3 16 4	3 17 5	3 18 1	3 17 4	3 15 0	3 16 10
1938 ... ..	5·4	5·0	3 14 5	3 15 0	3 15 10	3 15 0	3 14 2	3 14 7
1939 ... ..	5·6	5·2	3 17 9	3 18 4	3 18 4	3 18 1	3 17 5	3 18 5
1940 ... ..	5·6	5·1	3 6 3	3 8 4	3 10 3	3 7 11	3 5 1	3 6 0
1941 ... ..	5·5	4·9	2 18 10	3 4 4	3 7 8	3 2 3	2 19 1	3 2 1
Months—								
1941—March...	5·5	5·0	2 18 9	3 3 1	3 7 5	3 1 9	2 18 9	3 0 6
June .....	5·5	4·9	2 18 5	3 3 10	3 6 9	3 1 10	2 17 6	3 0 9
September ..	5·5	4·8	2 17 3	3 4 9	3 8 4	3 1 10	2 19 0	3 3 1
December ...	5·5	4·9	2 18 11	3 4 6	3 6 11	3 2 0	2 18 10	3 1 10
1942—March...	5·5	5·0	3 0 5	3 6 6	3 9 10	3 3 10	3 1 5	3 3 5
June .....	5·4	4·9	2 17 9	3 5 0	3 8 5	3 1 9	2 18 6	3 2 6
July ... ..	5·3	4·9	2 17 8	3 5 4	3 8 5	3 1 10	2 17 8	3 2 6
August ... ..	5·2	4·8	2 16 9	3 4 3	3 7 4	3 0 10	2 16 0	3 0 7

† Excluding loans on which interest is subject to current rates of Commonwealth taxation.

\* Average of three months ended in month shown.

(a) Average of Thursdays in month. (b) Weighted average as at last Wednesday in month. Compiled by Commonwealth Bank.

## 18. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.					Amount of Mortgages.*				
	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1938.†	1939.†	1940.	1941.	1942.
	Thousand £.									
January ... ..	2,383	2,449	1,884	2,383	2,815	1,771	1,591	1,480	1,148	916
February ... ..	3,285	2,438	2,524	2,557	2,472	1,868	1,841	1,428	1,329	975
March ... ..	3,280	3,623	2,464	2,677	2,083	2,036	2,225	1,686	1,320	996
April ... ..	2,770	2,245	2,392	2,574	2,276	2,359	2,025	1,560	1,305	891
May ... ..	3,989	3,090	2,908	2,835	1,154	2,727	2,112	1,449	1,324	526
June ... ..	2,898	2,613	2,464	3,029	1,266	2,604	1,658	1,305	1,273	599
July ... ..	2,894	2,919	3,217	3,165	1,540	2,285	1,950	1,748	1,470	622
August ... ..	4,262	3,068	2,259	2,545	1,671	2,184	2,770	1,099	1,213	451
September ...	3,079	2,934	3,149	2,941	.....	2,085	1,501	1,240	1,571	.....
October ... ..	3,111	2,330	2,885	3,013	.....	2,153	1,713	1,144	1,413	.....
November ...	2,671	2,381	2,430	2,548	.....	2,565	1,702	1,259	1,022	.....
December ...	2,797	2,067	2,477	2,972	.....	2,343	1,344	1,099	1,242	.....
Year ... ..	37,419	32,157	31,053	33,239	.....	26,967	22,444	16,497	15,630	.....

\* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

† Approximate.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

## 19. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of August.			Eight months ended 31st August.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1940 ... ..	127,255	172,486	77,210	1,568,764	2,652,214	1,039,135
1941 ... ..	101,483	83,527	49,653	1,842,669	2,119,789	885,775
1942 ... ..	90,421	98,140	36,103	1,491,251	1,834,810	520,411

See note under Table 18.

\* Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under the two headings.



## SECTION E.—GENERAL.

## 20. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

Estimates of employment formerly published in this Section were derived from returns of employers in remitting State Wages Tax which ceased in October, 1941. It is not possible now to compile estimates exactly comparable with those formerly based on Wages Tax Returns.

The table now published has been compiled in a new form adapted to the contents of returns made by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax which came into operation in July, 1941. Comparative figures for June, 1933, and July, 1939, have been inserted wherever possible in the table shown below.

Although direct comparison is not possible between the figures now published and those formerly compiled for months and years between June, 1933, and July, 1941, the figures published in previous issues of this Monthly Summary for that period are reliable indicators of trend and of numerical change for the period and on the basis indicated in the headings and notes.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment. (a) (Excluding Rural and Household Domestic.)			Pay-roll Tax Returns—Employees recorded on last pay-roll of month by—						
	Government (Commonwealth State and Local).	Private Employers.	Total.	All Employers furnishing Returns.	Employers whose principal activity was—					
					Mining and Quarrying.	Workshop and Factory.	Building and Construction.	Trans- port.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.
				(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June	103.2	275.7	378.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July	136.5	399.1	535.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July	141.5	423.2	564.7	483.2	21.7	201.6	20.5	77.5	31.6	47.2
Sept.	143.4	432.7	576.1	497.7	21.8	205.7	20.3	81.1	31.6	48.0
Dec.	146.4	428.2	574.6	491.6	21.7	205.7	17.7	84.6	31.6	46.5
1942—Feb.	147.2	416.8	564.0	480.2	21.2	203.9	19.8	82.5	29.1	44.3
Mar.	148.0	411.7	560.6	477.5	21.1	204.3	19.6	82.7	28.2	43.4
Apr.	151.1	405.9	557.0	474.8	20.9	204.4	18.7	84.4	27.4	42.6
May	151.5	402.7	554.2	471.5	21.0	202.3	18.1	84.9	26.2	41.2
June	152.5	396.2	548.7	467.7	21.1	200.1	17.8	84.9	25.3	40.3
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June	16.8	101.8	118.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July	19.4	141.3	160.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July	21.7	185.0	206.7	164.9	0.2	75.7	0.5	3.2	31.7	18.9
Sept.	22.4	187.9	210.3	168.7	0.2	77.8	0.5	3.3	31.5	19.6
Dec.	23.4	193.7	217.1	174.8	0.2	78.6	0.5	3.6	35.1	20.4
1942—Feb.	24.6	194.9	219.5	175.5	0.2	80.1	0.5	3.8	33.3	21.1
Mar.	25.0	195.2	220.2	176.4	0.2	81.1	0.5	3.9	32.9	21.1
Apr.	26.2	196.0	222.2	177.3	0.2	80.6	0.5	3.9	33.4	21.4
May	26.9	195.4	222.3	177.1	0.2	80.9	0.5	4.0	32.8	21.4
June	27.8	194.4	222.2	176.5	0.2	80.5	0.5	4.0	32.4	21.5
TOTAL. (Thousands.)										
1933—June	120.0	377.5	497.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July	155.9	540.4	696.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July	163.2	608.2	771.4	648.1	21.9	277.3	21.0	80.7	63.3	66.1
Sept.	165.8	620.6	786.4	666.4	22.0	284.8	20.8	84.4	63.1	67.6
Dec.	169.8	621.9	791.7	666.4	21.0	284.3	18.2	88.2	66.7	66.9
1942—Feb.	171.8	611.7	783.5	655.7	21.4	284.4	20.3	86.3	62.4	65.4
Mar.	173.9	606.9	780.8	653.9	21.3	285.0	20.1	86.6	61.1	64.5
Apr.	177.3	601.9	779.2	652.1	21.3	283.0	19.2	88.3	60.8	64.0
May	178.4	598.1	776.5	648.6	21.2	283.2	18.6	88.9	59.0	62.6
June	180.3	590.6	770.9	644.2	21.3	280.6	18.3	88.9	57.7	61.8

(a) Estimated number of wage and salary earners in employment defined as "persons occupied as wage and salary earners" as distinct from "equivalent of full time employment." Employees absent in the defence forces, at home or abroad, and Government relief workers are excluded.

(b) The numbers in columns marked (b) are the total employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of employers who are taxable, Commonwealth Government and employers who pay not more than £20 per week in wages being excluded. Employees of State, semi-Government, and Local Government authorities are included under "All Employers Furnishing Returns," and in the appropriate industry column when separate returns are supplied, e.g., Railway Commissioner. These group totals are useful as indicating trend, but do not indicate the actual number of employees in the industries named.

## 21. INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Owing to the incidence of enlistments and entry into wage earning employment of persons not normally wage earners, the index of employment and unemployment has been discontinued since April, 1940. Indexes from June, 1933, to April, 1940, together with a description of the method of compilation, are shown on page 27 of the "New South Wales Statistical Bulletin" for March Quarter, 1941.

### Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1934.	1936.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
January ...	100	103	101	96	93	100	110	119	125	136	141	141
February ...	100	105	98	97	95	100	112	122	125	135	142	145
March ...	100	102	101	97	95	99	111	121	130	130	143	146
April... ..	100	104	100	96	96	101	110	119	125	137	141	145
May ... ..	100	106	100	94	95	100	110	122	128	128	146	140
June ... ..	100	103	100	97	99	103	114	127	131	135	150	152
July ... ..	100	105	99	96	97	100	112	126	134	139	149	155
August ... ..	100	106	100	94	97	103	107	128	135	137	151	156
September ...	100	108	98	94	97	101	113	123	134	134	151	...
October ... ..	100	109	97	94	96	104	113	121	135	137	154	...
November ...	100	109	96	95	97	104	116	124	136	139	152	...
December ...	100	105	98	97	99	106	116	124	131	138	153	...
Year ... ..	100	105	99	96	96	102	112	123	131	135	148	...

(SYDNEY).

Average for year 1911 = 100 in all cases. Australian Currency.

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter (Local Sales).	Non- Rural.]]
1911 ... ..	100	100	100	100
1929 ... ..	162	140	204	184
1931 ... ..	105	70	154	180
1932 ... ..	96	88	140	177
1934 ... ..	147	77	133	167
1935 ... ..	128	92	142	165
1936 ... ..	168	120	142	165
1937 ... ..	193	148	146	173
1938 ... ..	129	101	157	172
1939 ... ..	135	73	160	175
1940 ... ..	158½	112	160	195
1941 ... ..	158½	113	160	213
1939—August ..	128	64	160	172
1941—March ...	158½	113	160	207
June ... ..	158½	113	160	213
September ...	158½	113	160	216
December ...	158½	113	160	224
1942—January ...	158½	113	160	225
February ...	158½	113	160	225
March ... ..	158½	113	168	225
April ... ..	158½	113	168	226
May ... ..	158½	113	168	230
June ... ..	158½	113	168	231
July ... ..	182½	113	168	233
August ... ..	182½	113	168	233

Parities in January, 1929 = 100  
in all cases.

[illegible]

\* Approximate; the above table expresses in the form of an index the amount of currency of the country first mentioned required to buy a fixed quantity of the second named country's currency.

§ Based on price paid by British Government for the Australian clip.

<sup>11</sup> Includes only those (non-rural) primary, manufactured and imported commodities which are included in the index for 100 commodities. Highly manufactured articles are not included.

## 24. WHOLESALE PRICE LEVELS OVERSEA.

	Year 1939.	Year 1940.	Year 1941.	1942.					
				Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June
Great Britain—Board of Trade (1930 = 100) ... ..	102.8	136.6	152.6	156.4	158.5	158.8	159.6	160.7	...
United States—Irrving Fisher (1926 = 100)... ..	80.9	83.6	93.5	102.2	102.8	103.7	105.7	106.5	106.6

## 25. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1929 ... ..	2	0.57	21	14 5	25	19 5	200	11 5	4	4 11
1938 ... ..	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 2
1939 ... ..	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ... ..	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ... ..	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942—March ... ..	2	4.71	21	11 11	22	0 6	289	6 10	10	9 0
April ... ..	2	4.71	22	14 7	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
May ... ..	2	4.71	23	12 0	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
June ... ..	2	4.63	20	13 4	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
July ... ..	2	4.63	21	5 10	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0

## 26. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
April, 1929 \$	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
Sept., 1931 \$	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
Mar., 1937 \$	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1941—Aug. ...	222.4	170.3	136.9	127.2	248.7	170.3	186.4
Sept. ...	227.7	177.2	141.5	127.9	253.2	174.9	191.3
Dec. ...	204.2	160.1	137.8	118.2	240.8	161.2	171.2
1942—Feb. †	186.5	148.1	132.6	115.0	223.8	150.0	156.5
Mar. †	173.0	138.3	120.8	110.3	213.7	140.6	147.0
April ...	175.6	139.2	118.0	111.6	212.0	141.0	150.1
May ...	178.2	143.3	114.9	115.0	213.2	143.0	152.8
June ...	184.2	145.5	117.4	116.4	216.3	146.7	157.3
July ...	191.2	150.1	118.3	115.3	216.6	150.2	162.6
Aug. ...	198.3	150.0	120.2	117.3	223.7	153.4	167.2

\* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. † The highest point of the index, prior to the slump, was reached in April, 1929, the lowest in September, 1931, and the highest point in March, 1937.

† Under National Security (Economic Organisation) Regulations dealing in shares was suspended on 19th February, 1942, and was resumed, on a restricted basis, on 11th March, 1942.

The population of N.S.W. at 31st March, 1942, was 2,822,257 or 39 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1940, 1,310,530).

## NOTICE.

This summary is issued as soon as practicable after the 20th of each month. The subscription for twelve months is 3s. (posted) payable to the Government Printer, Phillip-street, Sydney, or 3d. per single copy at the Government Printing Office. This charge applies in all cases, except exchanges and Government Departments.

The figures for the most recent months are, in general, subject to revision.

Bureau of Statistics and Economics, 61 Hunter-street, Sydney.

30th September, 1942.